IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Application of: Yoshinori SEKINE

Group Art Unit: 1732

Serial Number: 09/803,011

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED DECEMBER 16, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

January 15, 2004

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated December 16, 2003.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-4; and Group (II), Claim 5.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-4 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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